GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FREE EDUCATION TO ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court of Delhi has issued orders to the Government for providing free education to 20 per cent students belonging to economically backward classes by all the private schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Following an interim order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the Education Department of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had issued orders on 25-01-2007 regarding provision of free seats to the extent of not less than twenty percent of total seats, for students belonging to economically weaker section in unaided recognized private schools imparting education in Delhi, which have been allotted land by the Government Agencies, such as Delhi Development Authority, Land and Development Office and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, etc. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its interim order dated 30.5.2007 has directed that the institutions "shall admit students of the weaker sections of the society as defined in the impugned notification dated 25th January 2007 to the extent of minimum 10% plus 5% less wards of teaching and non teaching staff employed in the school for the academic session 2008-09".The matter is presently sub-judice.